



Ascension Sunday
May 24th 2020
Morning Prayer

St Clement's Anglican Church

We welcome everyone worshipping online with us today!

The Gathering of the Community

Presider

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Tsleil-Waututh – *People of the Inlet*, the Musqueam – *People of the River Grass*, and the Squamish – *Mother of the Wind*. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

People

May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

Following the ringing of the bell, a moment of silence is kept

Introductory Responses

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider Let us praise our God

People **who has given us life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Presider Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

People **We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

Presider O God, you have claimed us as your own

People **and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.**

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Hymn #82 Hallelujah! We sing your praises!

Refrain ***Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts are filled with gladness!
Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts are filled with gladness!***

1. **Christ the Lord to us said,
"I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread.
Give to all who thirst and hunger."**

Refrain ***Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts are filled with gladness!
Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts are filled with gladness!***

2. **Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

Refrain sung twice

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The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Acts (Acts 1 : 22 – 31) NRSV

So when they had come together, the apostles asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

- 1 The Lord reigns and has put on splendored apparel;
the Lord is robed in splendour and girded with strength.
The Lord has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.
- 2 **Ever since the world began your throne has been established;
You are from everlasting.**
- 3 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 4 **Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**
- 5 Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
for ever and for evermore.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Gospel Reading

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24 : 44 – 53) NRSV

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Did anything stand out for you in this story while you heard it this time?

What does this story have to say to you today?

Homily:

The Rev. Peggy Trendell-Jensen

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the Community

The Litany

For the Church of the Living God in every place as we look for new ways of being community and agents of God's love in the world.
Holy One, **Hear us.**

For the Search Committee for our next Rector, for the candidates, and for ourselves as we wait for the appointment to be made.
Holy One, **Hear us.**

For the planet and the complex web of life it sustains.
Holy One, **Hear us.**

For the leaders of the world as they make decisions affecting the health and wellbeing of the peoples of the world.
Holy One, **Hear us.**

For health care workers and researchers as they bring their energy and skills to overcome the virus; for all other essential workers.
Holy One, **Hear us.**

For people whose living conditions does not allow for physical distancing, in care homes, inner cities, refugee camps and gaols; for people in remote areas who do not have ready access to medical care.

Holy One, **Hear us.**

For children, youth and young adults whose hopes and plans have been disrupted by the suspension of normal activities.

Holy One, **Hear us.**

For people who have lost their source of income, and those who are facing a return to working conditions that may be unsafe.

Holy One, **Hear us.**

For people living with anxiety, depression, fear, grief or loneliness; for people for whom home is not a safe place, and those who are far from home.

Holy One, **Hear us.**

For people who are sick, at home or in the hospital; for those who are dying.

Silence – a space to name those people for whom you wish to pray.

Holy One, **Hear us.**

We give thanks for all the blessings we receive.

Silence – a space to give thanks.

Holy One, **Hear us.**

We give thanks for the lives of people who have died, entrusting them to God's gracious care.

Silence – a space to remember those people who you love who have died.

Holy One, **Hear us.**

Holy One, we commit all these prayers to you, those we have spoken and those that remain unspoken, in the name of the risen Christ.

Amen.

The Collect

Holy God,
send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom,
so that, in the blessed freedom of hope,
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness
and sing with joy to the One who makes us one.

Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Sending Forth of the Community

Hymn #482 Come and journey with a Saviour (*vs 1, 4 & 5*)

- 1. Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.**

Refrain *Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.*

4. **Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share.**

Refrain

5. **Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere.**

Refrain

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The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.
Amen.

*This liturgy was taken from the new morning and evening offices prepared for seasonal use,
as adopted by General Synod in 2019.*

Prayers

The following are for your prayers this week

In our own Diocese: Pray for Melissa, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; for Stephen, Archdeacon; and Patrick, Regional Dean; for the North Vancouver Regional Ministry Team and churches. For Linda, our Primate; for Mark, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for the Deanery of Tri-Cities / North Burnaby.

For the wider Church: For the Anglican Communion worldwide; for the Archbishop of Canterbury; and the Anglican Consultative Council. For the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. For Bishop Brent Alawas, the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, specifically for our partner Parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo – its ministry and mission; and for all Churches of North Vancouver.

In our Parish community: for Philippa, our Priest; for Elizabeth and Peggy, our Deacons; for the Wardens, Philip and Phoebe. For the staff: Lynley and Yvonne; and Lay Leaders: Leah, Joanne, and Ian Gunn. For the Youth and Children's ministries in our parish – teachers, children, and teens.

In our parish cycle of prayers: for Kathleen Biebrich; Arthur, Christina, Arthur, Charles and Grayson Black; John and Julie Boardman; and their families.

For healing: Pray for Beth Bailey; Fiona; Colleen and Matt Foster; Jack Griffiths; Marjorie Jeffries; Michael Jeffries; Lynda Mills; Carol Norwood; Joyce Oswald; Judy, Suzi Smith; Vanessa; Kevin Zakus; and for their families and caregivers.

In the neighbourhood: For the residents, nursing staff, care aides, and administration at Lynn Valley Care Centre, Lynn Valley Lodge, Cedarview, and for all seniors' care homes in our community.

For Outreach: for all newcomers to Canada: for Saber and his family, Honada, Said and family; for Bukhari; for Neema Grace, Malis (*pronounced Ma-lees*) and his family, for Fatemeh, Nasrullah, and Nazrin and family.

For the community groups that use our building, that they may be weathering this time of absence safely and well.

Scripture readings for Sunday, May 31st 2020

Acts 2 : 1 – 21 / Psalm 104 : 25 – 35, 37 / 1 Corinthians 12 : 3b – 13 / John 20 : 19 – 23

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